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IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

obtaining a pre-scanned image from a scanner, wherein the pre-scanned image includes a document image portion and a background image portion, the background image portion comprising at least two color regions;

determining a preliminary range of the pre-scanned image;

distinguishing at least a portion of said document image portion from said at least two color regions of said background image portion; and

determining a position of the document image portion within the range of the pre-scanned image.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said determining said preliminary range comprises locating one side of said pre-scanned image, and searching along the one side to identify at least one corner of the pre-scanned image.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said distinguishing comprises identifying color differences between said document image portion and said at least two color regions of said background image portion.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein distinguishing comprises identifying one or more corners of the document image portion within the pre-scanned image.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 wherein identifying one or more corners comprises identifying color differences between said document image portion and said at least two color regions of said background image portion at the one or more corners.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5 wherein identifying four corners further comprises identifying a center point of said document image portion.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, wherein the ~~document image portion and a~~ at least two color regions of said background image portion comprise ~~different colors~~ an illuminator color region and a pressing cover color region:

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, ~~and further comprising~~ 7, wherein said distinguishing at least a portion of said document image portion ~~and/or from said background image portion from an~~ further comprises distinguishing an illuminated illuminator color region portion of the pre-scanned image..

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, and further comprising determining the positional relationship between said document image portion and said at least two color regions of said background image portion within the range of the pre-scanned image.

10. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a scanner comprising:

a scanner window adapted to have a document disposed thereon; and

a scanner cover having a ~~background~~ an illuminator, wherein said ~~background~~ scanner cover is adapted to press on a document disposed on the scanner window, wherein said scanner is further adapted to:

obtain a pre-scanned image, the pre-scanned image comprising [[of]] at least a portion of the document, at least a portion of the illuminator and at least a portion of the background scanner cover;

determine a preliminary range of the pre-scanned image;

distinguish at least a portion of the pre-scanned image comprising said portion of the document from at least a portion of the image comprising said portion of the background scanner cover and said portion of the illuminator; and

determine a position of the document portion within the preliminary range of the pre-scanned image.

11. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 10, ~~and further comprising an illuminator disposed on the scanner cover and~~ wherein the illuminator is adapted to illuminate at least a portion of a document disposed on the scanner window.

12. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said determining a preliminary range comprises locating one side of said pre-scanned image, and searching along the one side to identify at least one corner of the pre-scanned image.

13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said scanner is further adapted to identify color differences between said document portion, said illuminator portion and said background scanner cover portion.

14. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said scanner is further adapted to identify one or more corners of the document image portion within the pre-scanned image.

15. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein said scanner is further adapted to identify color differences between said document portion, said illuminator portion and said background scanner

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cover portion at the one or more corners.

16. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said scanner is further adapted to identify a center point of said document portion.

17. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the document portion, said illuminator portion and said ~~background~~ scanner cover portion comprise different colors.

18. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said ~~pre-scanned image further comprises an image of at least a portion of said illuminator portion and said scanner cover portion~~ comprise different colors.

19. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 18, and further comprising distinguishing at least a portion of said ~~document portion and/or said background portion from the image of at least a portion of said illuminator portion and said scanner cover portion~~ different colors.

20. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 10, and further comprising determining a positional relationship between said document portion and said background portion within the preliminary range of the pre-scanned image.